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Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

EDINBURGH BRANCH:
SOUTHERN DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting was held in the Students' Union, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, on Friday, October 13th, at 8.15 p.m. There was a fair attendance, the meeting being presided over by the CHAIRMAN, Dr. Lundie.

Report of Representative.—Dr. MICHAEL DEWAR (Representative to Representative Meetings) presented his report, which dealt largely with the Insurance Bill and the attitude towards it of the Representative Meeting. He also gave details of the interviews between the Chancellor and the British Medical Association deputies, and of the representatives of the friendly societies. Dr. Dewar was cordially thanked for his report.

Proposed Union of Edinburgh Divisions.—The proposed motion for the union of the three Edinburgh Divisions, postponed from the last annual meeting, was then dealt with. It was agreed *nemine contradicente* that the Southern Division should unite with the North-Eastern and North-Western Divisions of the Edinburgh Branch to form one Edinburgh Division. Other business was deferred until the three Divisions had an opportunity of holding a combined meeting.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:
CITY DIVISION.

THE inaugural meeting of the session was held by invitation at the London Hospital, on Friday, October 13th, at 4 p.m.; thirty-five members and friends were present.

Cases of Skin Diseases.—Tea having been served in the Board Room, the following series of cases was shown by Dr. J. H. SEQUEIRA, Physician to the Skin and Phototherapy Departments of the hospital: (1) Urticaria pigmentosa; (2) leprosy (anaesthetic); (3) mycosis fungoides; (4) erythema iris; (5) keloid, extensive, from burns, atrophying under x-ray treatment; (6) exfoliative dermatitis; (7) macrocheilia, lymphatic drainage by subcutaneous threads; (8) carcinoma of leg; (9) rodent ulcer, 3 cases, illustrating results of treatment; (10) cases of syphilis, congenital and tertiary, treated by salvarsan. Dr. Sequeira commented upon and explained various features of the cases as shown, and replied to many questions.

Salvarsan.—Finally, a demonstration was given of the intravenous injection of salvarsan, 250 c.cm. being passed into the median basilic vein (under pressure of air filtered through cotton-wool from ordinary rubber spray bellows). Dr. SEQUEIRA gave an account of the method employed at the London Hospital, and how the adverse factors attending the treatment had been successively eliminated. Special emphasis was laid upon the necessity of non-acidity in the solution and for redistillation of the water. Since this was adopted the febrile reaction had not been noticed. The demonstration was followed with great interest by those present.

Vote of Thanks.—Upon the invitation of the CHAIRMAN, Dr. CUTHBERT DIXON moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Sequeira for his demonstration and to the Hospital Committee for its hospitality, and referred to the painstaking assiduity required in preparing so interesting and instructive a series of cases, and to the able manner in which they had been presented. In seconding, Dr. DAVID ROSS referred to the recent publication of Dr. Sequeira's work on *Diseases of the Skin*, and its general acceptance at once as a standard classic. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. In acknowledging the vote Dr. SEQUEIRA expressed his great pleasure in meeting the members of the Division annually, and extended an invitation to repeat the demonstration next year, and, on behalf of the Hospital Committee, said that the opportunity of the local profession meeting at the hospital was always welcomed by them. The meeting closed at 5 30 p.m.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH:
NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting was held at Belford on October 12th, Dr. WELSH (Felton) was in the chair. There were also present: Drs. Mackay, Purves, Robson, Moyes, Neill, Burrow, Philipson, Macdonald, and Burman.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the CHAIRMAN.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Macaskie, Main, McEwen, and Day.

Central Defence Fund.—The SECRETARY brought up the question of the Defence Fund, which at the last meeting had been left in his hands to arrange as to details, and after discussion it was resolved and carried unanimously:

1. That each member of the Division forward the sum of £1, through the Secretary, to the Central Defence Fund of the Association; this to be considered the contribution of the Division to this Fund.

(Proposed by Dr. ROBSON and seconded by Dr. PURVES.)

2. That each member shall guarantee a sum hereafter to be fixed, for a period of time hereafter also to be fixed, to constitute a local defence fund, and that the proceeds of such contributions shall be expended *in the Division* as occasion requires.

(Proposed by Dr. MACKAY and seconded by Dr. MACDONALD.)

3. That the amount guaranteed by each member be not less than 10s. per week for not less than eight weeks.

(Proposed by Dr. MACKAY and seconded by Dr. MACDONALD.)

It was also proposed and carried that copies of these resolutions be sent to every medical practitioner in the Division.

Collection of Accounts.—The appointment of a solicitor for the purpose of collecting accounts, etc., for the Division was next proceeded with, and, the names of several gentlemen having been proposed, on the motion of Dr. ROBSON, seconded by Dr. BARROW, Mr. Harold J. Hardy, solicitor, of the firm of Hindmarsh and Hardy, Alnwick, was appointed.

Treatment of Placenta Praevia.—A discussion on the treatment of placenta praevia was opened by the SECRETARY, who read a short paper on the subject, and most of the members took part in the discussion and contributed interesting experiences on the treatment of this affection.

Tea.—The members subsequently had tea together.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

BRIGHTON DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held on Wednesday October 11th, at the Dispensary, Queen's Road, Dr. RYLE in the chair. Thirty-six members were present at the meeting.

New Rules and Standing Orders.—The new rules and standing orders for Division meetings were discussed and passed with a few slight amendments. The Division unanimously adopted the Bradford Rules and Rule Z as rules of procedure in ethical cases, pending the consideration of new ethical rules by the Association.

Election of Officers.—In accordance with the new Division rules, Dr. Ryding Marsh was appointed as Chairman-elect, and Dr. Burchell as Assistant Secretary. Three new members were elected to the Executive Committee, in accordance with Rule 9, which provides that at least four of the elected members of the Executive Committee shall reside outside the boroughs of Brighton and Hove. It is felt that this is a step which will ensure the adequate representation of the country districts on the committee and will greatly add to the efficiency of the Division. Great difficulty has been experienced in the past in securing the interest and co-operation of the county members, and it is hoped that in the future an increasing number of them will make an effort to attend the Division meetings. These are held in the afternoon at 4.30 p.m., this time being chosen specially as being likely to suit members residing at a distance.

Appointment of Standing Committees.—The Division also appointed two standing committees—an Ethical Committee, consisting of six members elected by ballot; a Medico-Political Committee, consisting of six *ex officio* and six elected members. These committees will hold office until the next annual meeting of the Division. Members of the Brighton Division are invited to bring all questions arising in the course of their professional work to the notice of the Secretary. Questions in dispute between practitioners are best settled in the first instance by reference to an independent medical man, who may be one of the members of the Ethical Committee acting in his private capacity. Should this not be satisfactory, the matter can be referred to the Ethical Committee, who will proceed strictly in accordance with the rules laid down for procedure in ethical cases. Cases arising in connexion with appointments to friendly societies, public services, or hospitals, can be dealt with by the Medico-Political Committee, who will investigate all such matters and report to the Division meetings.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:

JERSEY DIVISION.

THE quarterly meeting of this Division was held on Wednesday, October 11th, Dr. A. N. SYMONS, Chairman, presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting, as also of the special meeting on July 1st, were read and confirmed.

Report of Council on "Spiritual Healing."—The discussion on this report was opened by Dr. WYNNE WALKER, who subsequently moved:

That the report be approved, and that the thanks of the Division are due to the subcommittee responsible for the report for the care and completeness with which, under manifest difficulties, the inquiry has been conducted.

This was carried unanimously.

Report of the Committee of the Southern Branch on District Nurses.—The consideration of this report was opened by Dr. VOISIN, who moved:

That the report be approved, with the thanks of the Division to the Branch Committee for its inquiry and report.

This was carried unanimously.

Paper.—Dr. MAJOR read a paper entitled, "The Position and Duty of Medical Men in Cases of Suspected Chronic Poisoning." A discussion followed.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:

MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Asylum, Abergavenny, on October 5th. The CHAIRMAN, Dr. H. C. Bevan, presided, and the following members were also present: Drs. W. D. Steel, Greer, Morrell Thomas, E. B. Hughes, J. L. Thomas, Basset, Elworthy, J. D. O'Sullivan, Richards, E. Y. Steele, Nelis, Gratte, Glendinning, Cowie, Ryan, A. H. James, N. R. Phillips, T. Donovan, Mills, Tresawna; and R. J. Coulter and S. Hamilton, Honorary Secretaries, also Dr. J. A. Brown.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Drs. Haslett and Hayles.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the minutes it was reported: (1) That with one exception all the members of the profession who had been approached had signed the undertaking *re* the National Insurance Bill. (2) That the deputation appointed at the preceding meeting had interviewed the Right Hon. Reginald McKenna, M.P., and Sir Ivor Herbert, M.P., and received satisfactory assurances with regard to the points submitted to them in accordance with the policy of the Association.

Report of Representative at Annual Representative Meeting.—Mr. GREER submitted his report on the business transacted at the Annual Representative Meeting at Birmingham.

National Insurance Bill.—After a prolonged discussion on this subject the following resolutions were carried *nemine contradicente:*

1. That this meeting of the Division instructs its officials to take such steps as are in their power to get the Harmsworth amendment repealed or amended.
2. That this meeting is strongly opposed to the introduction of any schemes managed by workmen's committees to control medical practice in collieries or works.
3. That the Executive Committee be instructed to take steps forthwith to form a local defence fund.

Clinical Demonstration.—Dr. N. R. PHILLIPS demonstrated a series of cases illustrating the various stages of general paralysis of the insane.

Votes of Thanks.—Dr. BEVAN being obliged to leave, Dr. E. Y. STEELE was voted to the chair, and very hearty votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Phillips for his very interesting demonstration and to Dr. Glendinning for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held in the asylum and in entertaining the members to tea.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH:

EAST CORNWALL DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at Liskeard on October 12th. Dr. NETTLE (Chairman) presided, and there were ten members present.

Ethical Rules.—The ethical rules forwarded by the Secretary of the South-Western Branch were read and adopted.

Local Defence Fund.—The subject of rules for the conduct and operation of the local defence fund was next discussed, and it was decided that when the central authorities of the Association had devised a set of rules for the purpose they be considered. Meanwhile the Division should not adopt any special rules.

National Insurance Bill.—The Honorary Secretary was authorized to send a notice to each member of the Division asking him to forward a sum of 5s. to meet the extra expenses which have been incurred by the Division in organizing the opposition to the National Insurance Bill up to the present.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

BRADFORD DIVISION.

THE Division held the inaugural meeting of the session on Wednesday, October 11th, at 8.30 p.m.

Dinner.—Previous to the meeting the new CHAIRMAN (Mr. G. H. Oliver) very kindly entertained to dinner at the Great Northern Hotel, Bradford, the officers, past Chairmen, and other members of the committees. The dinner was in every way a great success, and paved the way to a most excellent meeting.

Chairman's Address.—The CHAIRMAN gave an inaugural address on the History of Spectacles. It is no exaggeration to say that this was one of the most learned and interesting disquisitions that has ever been given to a Bradford medical society. It was a revelation to most members that so much could be said on such an apparently simple topic. It is hoped that the profession of the country may at an early period have the pleasure of reading *in extenso* Mr. Oliver's admirable paper.

St. Luke's Day.—It was decided to accept the invitation of the Vicar of Bradford to a service on St. Luke's Day, Sunday, October 22nd, at the Bradford parish church, and it is hoped that as many members of the medical profession as possible will respond to the call.

Supper and Smoking Concert.—Another function to aid in bringing the medical profession together was the decision to hold a supper and smoking concert on Wednesday, November 15th.

National Insurance Bill.—Some further discussion of the Insurance Bill took place, but of course it was considered necessary to wait for future developments before taking any very decided action.

To ensure the insertion of notices in this column they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.

Association Notices.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

A LIST of periodical publications, official reports, and Blue Books in the Library of the British Medical Association available for issue to members on loan has been printed, and copies can be obtained free on application to the Librarian, at the house of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. The regulations governing the loan of these publications are stated in the introduction to the list.

The Library is open for consultation from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. (on Saturdays till 2 p.m.).

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 1st, in the Council Room at 429, Strand, London, W.C.

By Order,

GUY ELLISTON,

Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

October 5th, 1911.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—A general meeting will be held at the Medical Institute, Edmund Street, on Wednesday, November 8th, at 4 p.m. Business: To receive the Report of the Representative, etc.—W. TRACY LYDALL, B. C. R. ALDREN, Honorary Secretaries.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held at Penrith on Friday, October 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Executive Committee will meet at 3.15 p.m.—Full particulars in future notice.—JAS. R. S. ANDERSON, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The autumn meeting will be held at Braintree on Thursday, October 26th. Members wishing to read papers or to show specimens or cases should communicate at once with the Secretary, Dr. B. H. NICHOLSON, East Lodge, Colchester.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Division (a clinical evening) will be held at Manor Lodge, Upper Clapton (by invitation of Dr. C. F. Hadfield), on Thursday, November 9th, at 9.30. The Honorary Secretary will be pleased to receive notices from members intending to show cases or read papers. Professional friends are welcomed at all meetings.—A. G. SOUTHCOMBE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Westminster Division will be held on Thursday, October 26th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Criterion Restaurant, Harvey Hilliard, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., in the chair. Agenda: 7.30, the members will dine together (evening dress optional, price of dinner 5s.); 8.30, formal Association business; 9 p.m., Cinematograph Demonstration of Living Micro-Organisms, including Sleeping Sickness, *Spirochaeta pallida*, and the influence of "606" upon it. A short lecture will be given on the organisms shown. Any member of the medical profession will be welcome to the demonstration, but it is hoped that they will also attend the dinner, tickets for which will be gladly sent by the undersigned.—J. HOWELL EVANS, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary, 25, Berkeley Square, W.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Nairn on Saturday, October 21st.—J. MUNRO MOIR, Honorary Secretary, Inverness.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—A combined meeting of the Folkestone Medical Society and of the East Kent Division will be held at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, on Thursday, November 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend and introduce professional friends. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) A paper will be read by Dr. F. W. Price on Diseases of the Heart, with lantern demonstration. (3) Other business.—P. VERNON DODD, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The autumn intermediate meeting of the Branch will be held at Prince's Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Tuesday, October 24th, at 4 p.m. In view of the importance and urgency of the points affecting the medical profession which have been raised by the National Insurance Bill, the Council feel they have been fortunate in having been able to arrange for an address on this subject, to be given by Mr. J. Smith Whitaker, the Medical Secretary of the Association. A full attendance is specially urged on members on this occasion. Non-members are also cordially invited to be present.—RUSSELL COOMBE, 5, Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Honorary Secretary.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE BILL.

MEETINGS OF THE PROFESSION.

THE following meetings to consider the present position of the profession with regard to the National Insurance Bill have been arranged, and will be addressed either by the Medical Secretary or the Deputy Medical Secretary:

October 24th.	Plymouth: Meeting of the South-Western Branch and local profession.
October 26th.	Darlington: Meeting of the Darlington Division and neighbouring Divisions in South Durham and North Yorkshire.
October 26th.	Meeting of the Richmond and Wandsworth Divisions (to be addressed by the Deputy Medical Secretary) at Wandsworth.
October 27th.	Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch, Glasgow.
October 28th.	General meeting of the Scottish Branches and Scottish medical profession at Edinburgh.
November 2nd.	Joint meeting of the Blackpool, Blackburn, and Preston Divisions at Preston.
November 3rd.	Meeting at Manchester of the local Divisions.
November 4th.	Meeting of the Bolton, Bury, and Rochdale Divisions at Bury.
November 7th.	Meeting of the Greenwich, Lambeth, and Norwood Divisions at Camberwell.

MEETING OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN SCOTLAND.

A MEETING to which all members of the profession resident in Scotland have been invited will be held in the Students' Union Hall, Edinburgh, on October 28th, at 3.30 p.m. The object of the meeting is to discuss the present situation of the Insurance Bill. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. J. A. Macdonald, LL.D., Chairman of Council, British Medical Association, and by Mr. J. Smith Whitaker, Medical Secretary.

ATTITUDE OF THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

THE annual meeting of the National Conference of Friendly Societies, held in Edinburgh on October 12th and the following days, was attended by 105 delegates from the sixty-six societies on the roll; ten were unrepresented. On the motion of Mr. J. LISTER STEAD, Permanent Secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the following resolution as to the minimum demands of the society was adopted:

> That this National Conference of Friendly Societies, representing over 4,000,000 benefit members of friendly societies in the United Kingdom, accepts the main principles of the National Insurance Bill, but declares that the bill will not be satisfactory unless the following principal requirements are met:
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> (1) That approved societies shall be constituted on the basis of self-management by the members.
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> (2) That the administration of the medical benefit shall be vested in approved societies, or, at their option, through the local Health Committees. That arrangements shall be made to ensure medical attendance for all existing members of friendly societies who are excluded from the State scheme on the same terms and conditions as those members who become insured persons under the bill.
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> (3) That approved societies shall have a majority of representatives on the local Health Committee.
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> (4) That sickness benefit be given from the first (instead of the fourth) day of the illness.
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> (5) That the members' own contribution be paid over to approved societies and be invested by them.
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> (6) That the proposals to use portions of the surpluses of approved societies for the benefit of deposit contributors be strongly opposed, and if such contributors need help, the State to make special grants to contributors refused by approved societies.
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> (7) That the powers of local Medical Committees should be advisory only.
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> (8) That the powers proposed to be given to the local Health Committees shall not be transferred to existing county or borough authorities.
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> (9) That persons in receipt of incomes exceeding £160 per annum be allowed to become voluntary contributors to an approved society; such persons not to be entitled to the Government subsidy but to be entitled to take part in the management of the society.

The resolution was discussed at some length, and the form given above is that in which it was finally adopted after amendment.

The conference also resolved by 48 to 38 that, should the minimum demands as specified above not be accepted by Parliament, the societies be recommended to refuse to assist in administering the Act.

A motion from the Manchester Warehousemen's and Clerks' Provident Association to the following effect was lost:

> The conference, while agreeing with the main principles of the bill, considers that, on account of the deep and far-reaching nature of the scheme, further time ought to be given to allow the country to become more fully acquainted with the various clauses and their effect on the national life as a whole and upon friendly societies in particular, and urges upon the Government the advisability of deferring the final discussion of the bill for twelve months.

PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCES.

Dr. HARRY GREY (Bristol), who thinks that the contract system should be ended and not mended, and wishes to appeal to the executive of the Association to test the feelings of the Divisions on the subject, writes: "Let us ask boldly for the total prohibition of the capitation system, a system condemned by every investigator, and see whether there exists one member of Parliament willing to defend it. This point conceded, there would remain only the fixing of an adequate fee for the services required. Here, again, the fighting ground is more advantageous, for it has been found impossible to convince either Parliament or the public that a capitation grant of 6s. is ridiculous, while that same Parliament and public, accustomed to pay fees, need no argument to be convinced that a doctor cannot do justice to his patients on 1s. 6d. a visit."

FRIENDLY SOCIETY MANAGEMENT.

G. C. C. (London) makes the following observations in illustration of the contention that it would be impossible to give to any friendly society or association of working men the control of medical treatment:

> A young man went back to work too soon after an attack of influenza. He had a nervous breakdown, neurasthenia, as we now call it, which means the same thing. After some months he recovered, and has been at work for three years. Then again he broke down, and the summer holiday did not restore him. He remembered that he belonged to a friendly society, so he went "on his club." There was the reason also that several convalescent homes are open to the club members, either free or at small cost.
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> Now, the essential treatment of neurasthenia is immediate and complete change of surroundings—mental and social, as well as a physical change of climate. But by some wooden rules of the club this was all forbidden, and he was kept in idleness for three weeks. He could not even take a day's excursion into the country near London, which would have been so useful, lest the special inspector should find him "out."
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> He was sent to a convalescent home finely situated in well-kept grounds. But no patient may handle a spade or a rake to while away the monotony, or to gain a little healthy exercise. There is no system of physical exercise, so essential to men who in their various occupations of necessity exercise but some of their sets of muscles, nor any attempt at chest expansion, although many—this man among them—lead sedentary lives.
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> About a hundred yards away is a beach available for sea bathing. My friend should have had a daily dip, but the sea did not find him once, and I doubt if he had any bath at all. The men were sent out by the dozen or the score to walk for an hour or two, and they went and returned like a flock of goats or of sheep. No one went with them to point out the features of the places they visited. All was dull, drab monotony. You could see them slouching along.
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> After a fortnight the man returned home, and has gone to one of the very few homes available at moderate cost, and I hear good accounts of him. But nearly two months of his life have been wasted, and his situation is filled up. He told me there were several patients suffering from neurasthenia at the seaside home.

He considers, however, that the friendly societies could do many useful things, such as providing splints on loan, or obtaining spectacles, or a wooden leg on credit, the patients paying by small instalments.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on October 12th, with Sir FRANCIS CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

Fee for Doctor called in by Midwife.

A letter was considered from Adeline Margaret Taylor, a midwife, as to a letter received by her from the Honorary Secretary of the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society informing her that the society had unanimously agreed that a midwife calling in a medical practitioner in any stage of a confinement must guarantee a fee of not less than a guinea and a half, and that the case must be taken over entirely by the doctor. The SECRETARY reported that he had forwarded a copy of the letter of the Enfield Medico-

Ethical Society to the Privy Council, and the reply of the Clerk of the Council was considered.

The Board decided that a copy of Sir Almeric FitzRoy's letter be sent to Adeline Margaret Taylor, accompanied by the letter from the Secretary, with which the correspondence printed below concludes. The Board, however, expressed regret that the Government had not yet made provision in such cases.

The following is a copy of the correspondence in this matter:

[COPY.]

Ponders End,
July 25th, 1911.

To Mr. Duncan,
Secretary,
Central Midwives Board.

Sir,—This afternoon I received enclosed letter, and I have taken the liberty of forwarding it on to you, to ask you what course I am to take.

Neither my sister, Emma Taylor, or myself as midwives, can guarantee that that fee stated can be paid. We are dependant on our cases for our living and the majority of people here are very poor, scarcely able to pay our fee, which is 10/6, let alone an extra 31/6 for dr.

I spoke to one of the local drs. here this evening, and he told me that it was owing to the State's Bill coming in, and he also said that even if I were to send for him he could please himself if he would come to my aid or not.

What I should like to know Mr. Duncan is—is the woman then to be left without medical help (perhaps to die) even after I have done my best and complied with the rules of the C.M.B. in sending for medical help?

I should esteem it a great favour for a reply from you, and beg to remain,

Sir, yours faithfully,
(Signed) ADELINE M. TAYLOR.

[COPY.]

Enfield Medico-Ethical Society.

25th July, 1911.

Madam,—At a meeting of the above Society it was unanimously agreed if a certified midwife practising in this district called in a medical man in any stage of a confinement, that the midwife must guarantee a fee of not less than a Guinea-and-a-half, and that the case be taken over entirely by the Doctor.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) HON. SEC.

Miss A. M. Taylor.

[COPY.]

Privy Council Office,
London, S.W.,
31st July, 1911.

Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 28th instant, enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss A. M. Taylor, a certified midwife, together with a copy of a letter addressed to Miss Taylor by the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society demanding guarantees in the matter of the fees of medical men in the Enfield District who may be called in in cases of necessity, I have to observe that the medical interests of the Society in question appear to be more prominent than its ethical pretensions, and that, in my opinion, the correspondence discloses a most improper imposition on the midwife, and one which it is her duty to ignore.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) ALMERIC FITZROY.

The Secretary,
Central Midwives Board.

Central Midwives Board.

October 12th, 1911.

Madam,—Your letter of July 25th, and the letter received by you from the Honorary Secretary of the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society informing you that the Society had unanimously agreed that a midwife calling in a medical practitioner in any stage of a confinement must guarantee a fee of not less than a guinea and a half, and that the case must be taken over entirely by the doctor, were considered by the Board at a Meeting held to-day.

I am directed to point out that the Board has no control over the medical profession, and consequently has no power to deal with the resolution of the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society.

The proper course for you to adopt is to perform your duty in accordance with the directions laid down in the rules of the Board. By so doing you will discharge the liability that attaches to you, and should anything untoward happen as the result of the refusal of medical assistance the responsibility will not rest upon you.

As stated in my letter of July 28th, copies of your letter and of that of the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society were forwarded to the Privy Council. I now enclose a copy of a letter received in reply from the Clerk of the Council.

I am to add that the Board regrets that the Government has not made provision for such cases.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) G. W. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Miss A. M. Taylor.

Uncertified Women.

A letter was considered from the Deputy Clerk of the Council transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Home Secretary by Mr. A. Shaw of Bromyard with regard to the case of an uncertified woman practising as a midwife. The Board directed that it be pointed out to the Clerk of the Council that the Board had no jurisdiction over uncertified women, and that the duty of prosecuting them for a breach of Section 1 of the Midwives Act devolves on the Local Supervising Authority under Section 13 of the Act.

Laying out a Dead Body.

A letter was considered from the Town Clerk of St. Helens inquiring as to the power of the Local Supervising Authority to make a rule prohibiting a midwife from laying out a dead body. The Board directed that inquiry be made of the Privy Council as to the power of the Local Supervising Authority to frame a rule as indicated by Rule E 17 (*b*).

Temperature Chart for Midwives.

A letter was considered from the Medical Officer of Health for Bradford suggesting that the Board should prescribe a temperature chart for the use of midwives. A letter was considered from Miss Wooldridge, one of the inspectors of midwives for Staffordshire, on the same subject. The Board decided to inform the Medical Officer of Health for Bradford that it did not propose to prescribe a temperature chart, suitable books for the purpose being already in circulation, and that Miss Wooldridge be informed that the temperature should not be entered in the register, but in a separate book, as directed by the Local Supervising Authority.

Epilepsy and Midwives.

A discussion took place on a letter from a teaching institution asking if the training of an epileptic candidate for midwifery should be continued. The Board expressed the opinion that a woman subject to epileptic fits is not fit to practise as a midwife.

Vital Statistics.

VITAL STATISTICS OF LONDON DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1911.

IN the accompanying table will be found summarized the vital statistics of the metropolitan boroughs and of the City of London based upon the Registrar-General's returns for the third quarter of the year. The mortality figures in the table relate to the deaths of persons actually belonging to the several boroughs, and are obtained by distributing the deaths in institutions among the boroughs in which the deceased persons had previously resided. The 28,056 births registered in London during the three months under notice were equal to an annual rate of 24.9 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at 4,522,628 persons in the middle of the year; in the corresponding quarter of the ten preceding years the birth-rate averaged 27.4 per 1,000. The birth-rates last quarter ranged from 12.3 in Hampstead, 12.8 in the City of Westminster, 17.0 in Kensington, 18.2 in Chelsea, 20.1 in Paddington, and 20.2 in the City of London, to 29.4 in Poplar and in Southwark, 29.6 in Bermondsey, 29.7 in Bethnal Green, 30.0 in Shoreditch, 32.8 in Stepney, and 37.9 in Finsbury.

During last quarter the deaths of 17,431 London residents were registered, equal to an annual rate of 15.5 per 1,000, against an average rate of 13.9 per 1,000 in the third quarters of the ten preceding years. The lowest death-rates last quarter were 8.8 in Hampstead, 11.4 in Stoke Newington, 12.1 in the City of Westminster, 12.2 in Wandsworth, 12.3 in Lewisham, 12.7 in Paddington, and 12.8 in Woolwich; and the highest rates 19.1 in Southwark, 19.9 in Bermondsey, 20.1 in Bethnal Green, 20.4 in Finsbury, 20.9 in Poplar, and 21.3 in Shoreditch.

The 17,431 deaths from all causes included 4,847 which were referred to the principal infectious diseases; of these, 159 resulted from measles, 41 from scarlet fever, 129 from diphtheria, 165 from whooping-cough, 43 from enteric fever, and 4,310 (among children under 2 years of age) from diarrhoea and enteritis. The deaths from measles, scarlet fever, whooping-cough, and enteric fever were below the average, but those from diphtheria and from diarrhoeal diseases were in excess. The lowest death-rates from these diseases in the aggregate were recorded in the City of Westminster, St. Marylebone, Hampstead, Stoke Newington, Holborn, and the City of London; and the highest rates in Finsbury, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Poplar, Southwark, and Greenwich. The greatest proportional mortality from measles was recorded in Chelsea, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Southwark, and Greenwich; from scarlet fever in Fulham, St. Marylebone, Islington, Stoke Newington, Finsbury, and Southwark; from diphtheria in Hampstead, St. Pancras, Islington, Finsbury, Southwark, Greenwich, and Lewisham; from whooping-cough in St. Pancras, Stoke Newington, Hackney, Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Deptford, and Greenwich; from enteric fever in Paddington, Hammersmith, St. Pancras, Finsbury, Bermondsey, Camberwell, and Greenwich; and from diarrhoea and enteritis (among children under 2 years of age) in Finsbury, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Poplar, Southwark, and Bermondsey.

During the quarter under notice the deaths from phthisis among London residents numbered 1,358, and were equal to an annual death-rate of 1.20 per 1,000, the average rate for the corresponding quarter in

Analysis of the Vital Statistics of the Metropolitan Boroughs and of the City of London after Distribution of Deaths occurring in Public Institutions during the Third Quarter of 1911.

BOROUGHS.	Estimated Population middle of 1911.†	Births.	Deaths.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Living.			Deaths from Principal Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping-cough.	Enteric Fever.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (Under 2 Years).	Phthisis.	Deaths of Children Under 1 Year of Age to 1,000 Registered Births.
				Births.	Deaths.	Principal Infectious Diseases.										
COUNTY OF LONDON	4,522,628	28,056	17,431	24.9	15.5	4.30	4,847	—	159	41	129	165	43	4,310	1,358	203
Paddington	142,541	713	452	20.1	12.7	2.98	106	—	4	—	1	1	3	97	48	199
Kensington	172,296	731	578	17.0	13.5	2.77	119	—	1	—	2	6	—	110	38	196
Hammersmith	121,837	700	484	23.0	15.9	4.90	149	—	—	—	5	5	2	137	33	230
Fulham	153,726	1,031	617	26.9	16.1	5.21	200	—	4	3	4	3	4	182	56	225
Chelsea	66,218	301	254	18.2	15.4	2.96	49	—	4	—	2	1	—	42	16	196
City of Westminster ...	159,709	508	483	12.8	12.1	1.50	59	—	3	—	2	5	1	48	46	173
*St. Marylebone ...	117,844	937	400	31.9	13.6	2.34	69	—	1	3	2	5	—	58	34	93
Hampstead	85,599	262	187	12.3	8.8	1.32	28	—	4	—	7	—	—	17	12	118
St. Pancras	218,031	1,279	815	23.5	15.0	3.67	199	—	1	2	12	12	3	169	76	180
Islington	327,234	1,928	1,233	23.6	15.1	4.16	339	—	7	8	14	11	4	295	88	211
Stoke Newington ...	50,669	268	144	21.2	11.4	2.46	31	—	2	1	—	3	—	25	16	138
*Hackney	222,674	1,278	768	23.0	13.8	3.33	185	—	3	2	4	13	2	161	73	172
*Holborn	49,084	307	174	25.1	14.2	2.53	31	—	1	—	1	1	—	28	24	130
*Finsbury	87,639	828	445	37.9	20.4	6.41	140	—	2	2	5	5	5	121	35	198
City of London	19,475	98	69	20.2	14.2	1.65	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	92
Shoreditch	111,284	831	591	30.0	21.3	7.13	198	—	13	1	4	4	—	176	49	266
Bethnal Green	128,247	949	642	29.7	20.1	7.44	238	—	16	—	3	8	—	211	41	255
*Stepney	279,560	2,283	1,311	32.8	18.8	6.17	430	—	36	2	4	8	1	379	115	223
Poplar	162,290	1,191	847	29.4	20.9	7.52	305	—	5	3	5	7	2	283	58	273
Southwark	191,595	1,406	911	29.4	19.1	6.05	289	—	16	4	9	6	2	252	66	250
Bermondsey	125,840	928	625	29.6	19.9	5.87	184	—	3	1	3	6	2	169	55	231
*Lambeth	298,032	2,052	1,136	27.6	15.3	4.08	303	—	6	—	11	13	2	271	79	172
Battersea	167,765	1,030	617	24.6	14.8	4.37	183	—	5	1	—	5	1	171	40	217
Wandsworth	313,389	1,716	950	22.0	12.2	3.00	234	—	2	2	4	12	3	211	64	188
Camberwell	261,407	1,617	936	24.8	14.4	3.90	254	—	—	3	8	9	4	230	81	174
Deptford	109,475	726	457	26.6	16.7	5.69	155	—	1	1	4	8	—	141	35	251
Greenwich	98,982	588	421	24.6	17.6	6.31	151	—	14	—	5	7	2	123	24	241
Lewisham	161,677	880	495	21.8	12.3	2.94	119	—	1	1	8	1	—	108	21	182
Woolwich	121,509	690	389	22.8	12.8	3.03	92	—	4	1	—	—	—	87	29	170

* No correction is made for births in lying-in institutions; the boroughs principally affected are marked thus (*).
† Calculated from the unrevised returns of the recent census.

the ten preceding years being 1.27 per 1,000. The death-rates from this disease last quarter ranged from 0.52 in Lewisham, 0.56 in Hampstead, 0.82 in Wandsworth, 0.88 in Kensington, 0.96 in Battersea and in Woolwich, and 0.97 in Chelsea, to 1.46 in Fulham, 1.60 in Finsbury, 1.65 in Stepney, 1.75 in Bermondsey, 1.77 in Shoreditch, and 1.96 in Holborn.

Infant mortality, measured by the proportion of deaths among children under 1 year of age to registered births, was equal to 203 per 1,000, the average rate in the ten preceding third quarters being 148 per 1,000. Among the boroughs in which the lowest rates were recorded were Hampstead, Stoke Newington, Holborn, and the City of London, while the highest rates were recorded in Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Poplar, Southwark, Deptford, and Greenwich.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-seven of the largest English towns 7,671 births and 4,633 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, October 14th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.0, 15.5, and 15.2 in the three preceding weeks, further declined to 15.0 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London the death-rate was equal to 15.4 per 1,000, against 15.6, 15.6, and 15.0 in the three previous weeks. Among the seventy-six other large towns the death-rates last week ranged from 6.5 in Burton-on-Trent, 6.8 in Handsworth (Staffs), 7.0 in King's Norton, 8.3 in Walthamstow, and 8.4 in Willesden, to 18.7 in South Shields, 19.5 in Dewsbury, 19.6 in Bury, in Hull, and in Sunderland, and 23.3 in Oldham. Enteric fever caused a death-rate of 3.2 in St. Helens; measles of 3.8 in Wolverhampton; whooping-cough of 1.7 in Sunderland and 2.0 in Stockton-on-Tees; diphtheria of 1.3 in Norwich and 2.0 in Dewsbury; and diarrhoea and enteritis (of children under 2 years of age) of 2.5 in Oldham, 2.7 in Swansea, 3.3 in West Hartlepool, 3.4 in Burnley, and 3.5 in Wigan. The mortality from scarlet fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 43, or 0.9 per cent., of the total deaths registered in the seventy-seven towns last week were not certified either by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner after inquest, and included 11 in Liverpool, 7 in Birmingham, and 3 in South Shields. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 1,532, 1,666, and 1,793 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further risen to 1,966 on Saturday last; 355 new cases were admitted during the week, against 240, 333, and 293 in the three previous weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

IN eight of the largest Scottish towns 829 births and 538 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, October 14th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.2 and 14.9 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, rose to 16.4 last week, and was 1.4 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-seven large English towns. Among the several Scottish towns the death-rates last week ranged from 10.2 in Perth and 11.2 in Aberdeen to 16.1 in Dundee and 18.7 in Glasgow. The mortality from the principal epidemic diseases averaged 2.3 per 1,000, and was highest in Glasgow and Dundee. The 281 deaths from all causes registered in Glasgow last week included 1 from enteric fever, 4 from measles, 5 from scarlet fever, 6 from whooping-cough, 8 from diphtheria, and 21 from infantile diarrhoea. Two deaths from scarlet fever were recorded in Paisley; 2 from diphtheria in Dundee; and 7 from infantile diarrhoea in Dundee and 4 in Edinburgh.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

FLEET SURGEON W. W. PRYN is promoted to be Deputy Surgeon-General, from October 12th. His previous commissions are dated: Surgeon, February 18th, 1886; Fleet Surgeon, February 18th, 1902.

Acting Surgeons ROGER A. RANKINE, M.B., VERNON L. MATTHEWS, ADRIAN C. PATERSON, WILLIAM L. COWARDIN, QUINTIN H. RICHARDSON, HERBERT WHITE, and LEONARD A. MONCRIEFF, M.B., have been confirmed in the rank of Surgeon in His Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of May 19th, 1911.

Fleet Surgeon J. SUGRUE, M.D., is placed on the retired list, from October 9th. He was appointed Surgeon, February 26th, 1884, and Fleet Surgeon, February 26th, 1900.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Staff Surgeon W. H. POPE to the *Sapphire*, on recommissioning, undated; Staff Surgeon H. J. CHATER to the *Attentive*, on commissioning, October 31st; Surgeon G. CARLISLE to the *Vernon*, additional, for the *Furious*, October 31st; Staff Surgeon R. H. MORNEMENT to the *Weymouth*, on commissioning, undated; Staff Surgeon H. L. GEOGHEGAN, M.D., to the *Eclipse*, on recommissioning, undated.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

CAPTAIN D. DE C. O'GRADY, who is serving in India, has been appointed Specialist in Dermatology, 1st (Peshawar) Division, from September 9th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

CAPTAIN M. H. THORNLEY is promoted to be Major, from July 27th. Appointed Lieutenant, January 27th, 1900, he was made Captain January 27th, 1903. He served on the North-West Frontier of India, Waziristan, in 1901-2, receiving a medal with clasp.

Hospitals and Asylums.

LEBANON HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, ASFÛRIYEH, BEYROUT.

THE annual report of Dr. Watson Smith, the Medical Superintendent and Director of the Lebanon Hospital for the Insane at Asfûriyeh for the year ended March 31st, 1911, shows that there were 78 patients in the asylum on April 1st, 1910, and 96 at the end of twelve months. The total number of cases under care during the year was 185. All of these numbers show increases on those of the previous year, and during the year 107 were admitted as compared with 101 admitted during the previous twelve months. The admissions, many of whom came from far distant places, were of various religious persuasions—Greeks, Maronites, Moslems, Jews, Druses, Roman Catholics,

and Protestants. They were classified according to the severa forms of mental disorder into: Recent mania, 23, and chronic and recurrent mania, 3; recent melancholia, 20; secondary dementia, 6; dementia praecox, 21; general paralysis, 7; hysteria, 12; delusional insanity, 4; alternating insanity and epilepsy, 3 each; and congenital defect, 5.

It will be observed that the general paralytics composed about the same proportion of the admissions that they do in England and Wales. As to causation, alcohol was assigned in 7, syphilis in 7, and specific fevers in 3; epilepsy and hysteria in 14; various bodily affections in 9; mental stress in 20; and critical periods in 16. An insane heredity was only ascertained in 4. During the year 30 were discharged as recovered, 17 as relieved, and 35 as not improved. Also 17 died during the year, the deaths being due to general paralysis (3), phthisis (2), heart disease (1), and exhaustion from mania (1).

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BANGOR: CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEY INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BATH: EASTERN DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Practitioner. Salary, £130 per annum.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM CITY ASYLUM, Winson Green.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £150 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £70 per annum.

BRIGHTON: CHICHESTER HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Physician (woman). Small honorarium.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Throat, Nose, and Ear House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, increasing to £90 after six months.

CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon for the Ophthalmic and Ear and Throat Departments. Honorarium, £30 on completion of six months' service.

DENBIGH: DENBIGHSHIRE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician; (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum each.

FERMANAGH COUNTY HOSPITAL, Enniskillen.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £72 per annum.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASYLUM.—Male Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £180.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Assistant Casualty Medical Officer. Salary, £30 for six months and £2 10s. washing allowance.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Male Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

HULL: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum for six months' appointment, or £80 per annum for twelve months.

LANARK COUNTY.—Resident Physician Superintendent of the Middle Ward Isolation Hospital, Motherwell. Salary commencing at £200 per annum.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior Male House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

LONDON COUNTY ASYLUM, Claybury.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £170 per annum.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Medical Officer in connexion with the Notification of Phthisis. Salary, £250 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MELROSE: ROXBURGH DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £160 per annum.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon; (3) Assistant House-Physician; (4) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum for (1) and (2), and £40 per annum for (3) and (4).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASYLUM, Napsbury.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary commencing at £160 per annum.

OLDHAM ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

OLDHAM UNION.—Assistant Medical Officer of the Workhouse.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT SICK ASYLUM.—Third Assistant Medical Officer for the Sick Asylum, Bromley. Salary, £120 per annum.

POPLAR HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS, E.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £135 per annum.

PUBLIC DISPENSARY, 122, Drury Lane, W.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £105 per annum

RICHMOND, SURREY: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—Honorary Dental Surgeon.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street, W.—(1) Honorary Surgeon; (2) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR SKIN AND URINARY DISEASES, Red Lion Square, W.C.—Clinical Assistant.

SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Two Junior Resident Medical Officers. Salary, £60 per annum.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £82 per annum, and £5 honorarium after six months' approved service.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £80 per annum.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—House-Physician and Casualty Officer. Salary, £80 per annum.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—(1) Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon; salary, £80 per annum.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, S.W.—Assistant House-Physician.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male). Salary, £80 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Ramsgate (Kent), Weston-super-Mare (Somersetshire), Workington (Cumberland).

APPOINTMENTS.

BLAXLAND, Jasper, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Consulting Surgeon to the Swaffham Cottage Hospital.

DEWAR, Allan, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Senior House-Surgeon of the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

DUPONT, G. H., M.D.Edin., Medical Officer of Health of the Twickenham Urban District.

HALPIN, G., M.D.Dub., District Medical Officer of the Wokingham Union.

HARDENBERG, E. J. F., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Surgeon to the "N" Division, Metropolitan Police, Chingford.

HILLIER, S., M.D.Edin., Medical Officer of Health of the Stowmarket Urban District.

JOHNSON, Alfred E., M.B., B.Ch.Vict., F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to Middlesex Hospital.

KELLOCK, T. H., M.A., M.D., M.C., F.R.C.S., Fourth Surgeon at the Middlesex Hospital.

WHEELER, H. Q. O., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Irel., Senior House-Surgeon to the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W.—The following have been elected Clinical Assistants: Dr. Bates, Dr. W. R. Cooper, Major J. C. Holdich-Leicester, I.M.S., Captain H. Warwick Illins, I.M.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Orders or Stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE.

PEARSON—BURTON.—On the 14th, J. Sidney Pearson, M.A., M.D., B.C.Cantab., etc., of 25, New Cavendish Street, W., to Marjorie Dennis Burton, eldest daughter of Mrs. E. L. Burton, Westmoor, Bishop's Stortford.

DEATHS.

HARGRAVE.—October 16th, at London Hospital, from pneumonia, Donald Herbert Hargrave, aged 19 years, the eldest son of Herbert J. Hargrave, M.B., C.M., of 32, Spital Square, Bishopsgate, E.

THOM.—George Thom, M.R.C.S., of 1, Clarendon Terrace, Devonport, died suddenly, October 8th.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Paper:—Mr. Herbert Tilley: Acute and Chronic Suppuration of the Accessory Sinuses, the Etiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment, from the Point of View of the General Physician and Surgeon. Illustrated by Cases and the Epidiascope.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Museum Demonstration by Mr. Shattock: Specimens illustrating Cysts.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

ODONTOLOGICAL SECTION, at 15, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m.—Casual Communications:—Mr. Hopewell-Smith: The Presence of Blood Vessels in the Enamel Organ of the Kangaroo. Paper:—Mr. J. G. Turner: Some Unusual Pathological Conditions of the Mouth. Presidential Address by Mr. H. Lloyd Williams.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

MEDICAL SECTION, at 15, Cavendish Square, W., 5.30 p.m.—Paper:—Dr. S. T. Pruen (Cheltenham): Slight Strokes.

WEDNESDAY.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, London Institution, Finsbury Circus, E.C., 9 p.m.—(1) Presidential Address by Dr. Hingston Fox. (2) Paper: Dr. Fortescue Fox, on Cases Illustrating the Use of Venesection.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

NEUROLOGICAL SECTION, at 15, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Presidential Address:—Dr. F. W. Mott, F.R.S.: The Inborn Factors of Nervous and Mental Diseases.

FRIDAY.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY W.C., 8.20 p.m.—Clinical Meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Museum Demonstration by Professor Keith: Specimens illustrating the Surgical Anatomy and Pathological Forms of Hernia.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

SECTION FOR THE STUDY OF DISEASE IN CHILDREN, at 11, Chandos Street, W., 4.30 p.m.—Exhibition of Cases. Paper:—Mr. Sydney Stephenson: On Cases of Night-Blindness with Peculiar Conjunctival Changes in Children.

BALNEOLOGICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL SECTION, at 15, Cavendish Square, W., 6 p.m.—Presidential Address:—Dr. G. H. Thompson (Buxton): Baths and Climate in Relation to Spa Treatment; Some Reflections and Suggestions.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SECTION, at 15, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Paper:—Dr. R. Farrar: Plague in Manchuria.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Lectures: Tuesday, 3.45 p.m., Larynx. Friday, 3 p.m., Inaugural Lecture, The Influence of the Upper Air Tract on Respiration. Illustrated by lantern slides.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., The Value of Auscultatory Percussion.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements, Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat at noon and 4.30 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday: Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Tuesday, and noon, Friday. Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday. Radiography, Saturday, 10 a.m. Pathological Demonstration, Saturday, 11 a.m. Special Lectures: Tuesday, 4.30, Anaesthetics; Friday, 2.15, Pleural Effusion.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE CLINIC.—Thursday, 4.45 p.m., Differential Diagnosis of Chronic Lesions of the Tongue.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Medical; Friday, Ear, Nose, and Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. will be given each day as follows: Monday, Rashes in Children; Tuesday, Internal Ophthalmoplegias; Wednesday, The Nature and Treatment of Certain Forms of Indigestion (with demonstration); Thursday, Principles of Treatment in Infective Disease.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p m., General Paralysis of the Insane. Friday, 3.30 p.m., Neurasthenia.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—Medical and Surgical Clinics, X Rays, and Operations, 2 p.m. daily. Monday: Gynaecology, 10 a.m.; Pathological Demonstration, 12 noon; Eye, 2 p.m. Tuesday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Demonstration of Minor Operations, 11.30 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Gynaecological Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Gynaecology, 2 p.m. Thursday: Lecture, Practical Medicine, 12.15 p.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.: Orthopaedics, 2 p.m. Friday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Lecture, Practical Medicine, 12.15 p.m.; Throat, Nose and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Saturday: Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 10 a.m. Special Lectures at 5 p.m. daily.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
OCTOBER.	
21 SATURDAY ..	NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH, Autumn Meeting, Nairn.
22 Sunday ..	
23 MONDAY ..	
24 TUESDAY ..	LONDON: Hospitals Committee, 2.30 p.m. SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH and Local Profession, Prince's Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, 4 p.m. (National Insurance Bill).
25 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: State Sickness Insurance Committee, 10 a.m. LONDON: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m. LONDON: Arrangements (Joint) Committee, 4 p.m.
26 THURSDAY ..	WANDSWORTH: Meeting of Richmond and Wandsworth Divisions (National Insurance Bill). DARLINGTON: Meeting of Darlington Division and neighbouring Divisions of North Yorkshire and South Durham (National Insurance Bill). WESTMINSTER DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Criterion Restaurant; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.; Association Business, 8.30 p.m.; Cinematograph Demonstration, 9 p.m. EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH, Autumn Meeting, Braintree.
27 FRIDAY ..	GLASGOW: Meeting of Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch (National Insurance Bill). ENGLISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Penrith, 3.30 p.m.; Executive Committee, 3.15 p.m.
28 SATURDAY ..	EDINBURGH: Meeting of Scottish Medical Practitioners, Students' Union Hall, 3.30 p.m. (Insurance Bill).
29 Sunday ..	
30 MONDAY ..	
31 TUESDAY ..	

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NOVEMBER.	
1 WEDNESDAY	**London: Central Council, 2 p.m.** RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Dinner, Richmond.
2 THURSDAY ..	PRESTON: Joint Meeting of Blackpool, Blackburn, and Preston Divisions (National Insurance Bill). FOLKESTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Combined Meeting of Folkestone Medical Society and East Kent Division, Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, 3.30 p.m.
3 FRIDAY ..	MANCHESTER: Meeting of Local Divisions (National Insurance Bill).
4 SATURDAY ..	BURY: Joint Meeting of Bolton, Bury, and Rochdale Divisions (National Insurance Bill).
5 Sunday ..	
6 MONDAY ..	
7 TUESDAY ..	CAMBERWELL: Joint Meeting of Greenwich, Lambeth, and Norwood Divisions (National Insurance Bill).
8 WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, General Meeting, Medical Institute, Edmund Street, 4 p.m.
9 THURSDAY ..	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Manor Lodge, Upper Clapton, 9.30 p.m.
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